

*HARRIS COTTAGE
MINERAL POINT, WISCONSIN
Iowa Co.*

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL & DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT No 28*

*Historic American Building Survey
Alexander C. Guth District Officer
1249 North Franklin Place, Milwaukee, Wis.*

HARRIS COTTAGE
Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin

Owner (or Custodian). UNKNOWN

Date of Erection. 1835

Architect. Not known

Builder. John Harris

Present Condition. Well Preserved.

Number of Stories. One and one-half

Materials of Construction. Stone base, wood siding, wood
shingle roof, brick chimneys.

Other Existing Records. None known

Additional Data. See following

HARRIS COTTAGE
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This Harris cottage is located at 425 Church Street in the city of Mineral Point, Wisconsin. It was erected by John Harris, a Cornishman, who settled in the western part of the state in 1833. He was a miner and found employment in the local lead mines.

Just how this bit of transplanted New England ever got to this part of the State is indeed a mystery. It is a perfect delight to the eye. Its proportions and refined details give it a decided air of distinction, that only the best of New England has to offer. And Nantucket Isle certainly has nothing better. The term quaint fits well into the picture.

The finely proportioned doorway immediately attracts attention. And rightly so because of its delicately moulded pilasters, its excellent sidelights and simple door. All these help to give the doorway real charm. As stated before it seems incredible that such a studied piece of work should find its way into western Wisconsin at such an early date. Apparently the builder, be he carpenter or what not, was an artisan who was trained midst the best of this colonial work in the eastern States. He then migrated to the Wisconsin wilderness State of the 1830's and carried on there as he was accustomed to do back East. It is to be regretted that he did not leave his imprint on more work in the city of his adoption.

The house dates from the year 1835.

Alexander C. Guth
District Officer

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